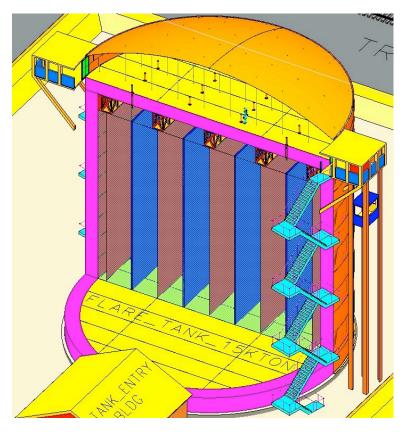
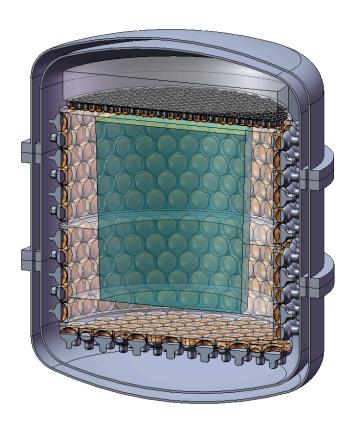
# Liquid Argon R & D work at Fermilab



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#### Some Recent LAr History at Fermilab

Initiative at Fermilab for Neutrinos - due to A.Para.

FLARE proposal P-942- June 2004 - connection with Yale & Michigan State

Accreted some scientists & eng. support - home in the PAB Submission to NUSAG for 15 kton Detector Sep. 2005 FN-0776-E

Argon with 10 ms electron drift lifetime March 2006: TM-2385-E, Oct 2006

ArgoNeuT T962 (B. Fleming) proposed June 2006

Purge Tests, TPC design, Nitrogen Detection, Readout Electronics

MicroBooNE (B. Fleming) proposal P974 Sep. 2007

Discussions with Princeton re Dark Matter Oct 2007

Materials Test System commissioned Jan 2008

MicroBooNE stage 1 approval July 2008

Electronics Test System/Tracks in LAr Aug 2008 F.T. 8/13/2008

ArgoNeuT 1st tracks Aug 2008 F.T. 8/19/2008

Electronics and Reconstruction Software Development

S4 proposal to NSF for Dark Matter, MAX, submitted Jan 2009

ArgoNeuT moved into MINOS hall

# Nice words for Neutrinos from P5 - 2008

### From the report

-The panel recommends a world-class neutrino program as a core component of the US program, with the long-term vision of a large detector in the proposed DUSEL laboratory and a high-intensity neutrino source at Fermilab.

### From C. Baltay presentation:

 Should our Long Range Vision include having a world-leading Neutrino program in the US

If so, it is clear that we can not get there in one step but have to follow a program with a series of steps

- It might be important to realize that each step in isolation by itself may not be spectacular but is justified as a step necessary to get to our goal
- Care should be taken that these steps not be detours or sidetracks but are the most direct and rapid steps that lead to our goal

Massive detectors for Neutrino Oscillation and Proton Decay

Develop a plan leading to the construction of a 50 to 100 kiloton Liquid Argon TPC experiment \*.

- Develop confidence in the construction technology
- Develop confidence in the cost estimate
- -Develop a reasonable cost device
- -Do interesting and relevant physics on the way

These issues need to be treated over a multi-year time frame.

Experience in Liquid Argon TPC technology exists in Europe through the ICARUS program - there is much less in the U.S.

\* with charge and light readout

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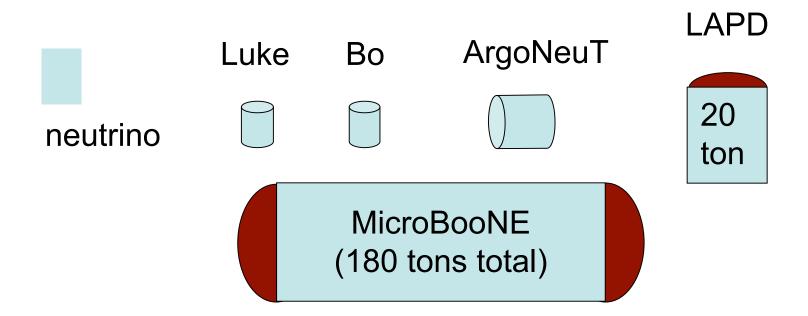
## Use small test stands for specific issues;

- -Measure contaminant effects of TPC materials
- -Measure efficacy of contaminant removal filters
- -Provide real signals for electronics development

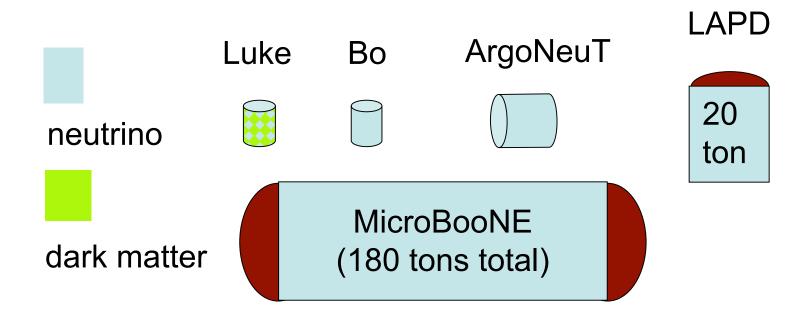
# Build intermediate size detectors (1/3 ton (ArgoNeut), 200 tons (MicroBoonE) and few kilotons (LAr5))

- -Stimulates and sets schedules for technology
- -Forces integration of all aspects of experiment design
- -Stimulates development of `physics' software
- -Builds collaborations

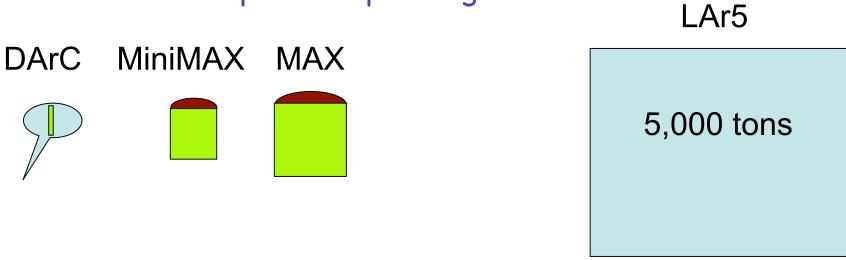
MicroBooNE: BNL, Columbia, Fermilab, LANL, MSU, UTA & Yale.



Present Liquid Argon Context



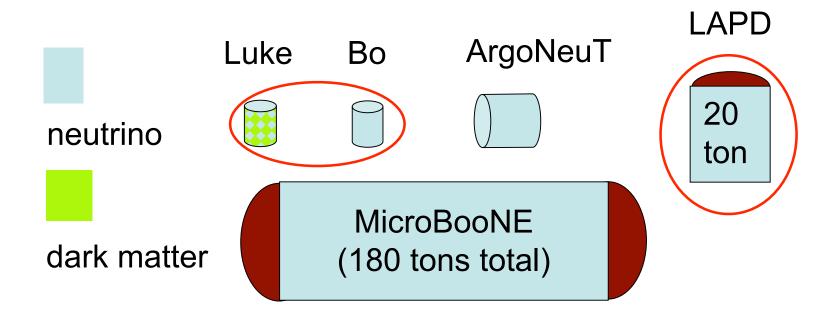
Proposed Liquid Argon Context



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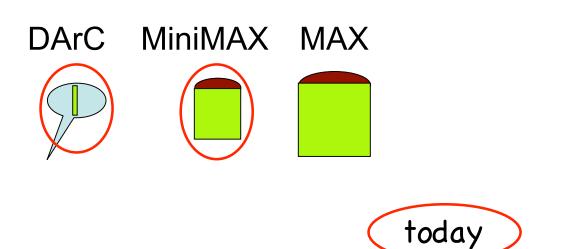
| Luke   | 280 kg - Materials Test System      | (operating)     |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Во   | 280 kg - Electronics Test System    | (operating)     |
| LAPD   | 20 tons - Purity without Evacuation | (parts ordered) |
| ArgoNeuT   | 0.75 tons - Neutrino Interactions   | (installing)    |
| MicroBooNE 180 tons - Physics/R & D (phase 1 app.) |                                     |                 |
| LAr5   | 5,000 tons - Physics/Prototype      | (EOI/S4 prop)   |

| DArC    | 1 kg - measure Ar39 Depletion                     |  |
|---------|---|--|
| miniMAX | 1 ton - WIMP search/R & D for MAX (today)         |  |
| MAX     | 10 tons - Argon (and Xenon) WIMP search (S4 prop) |  |

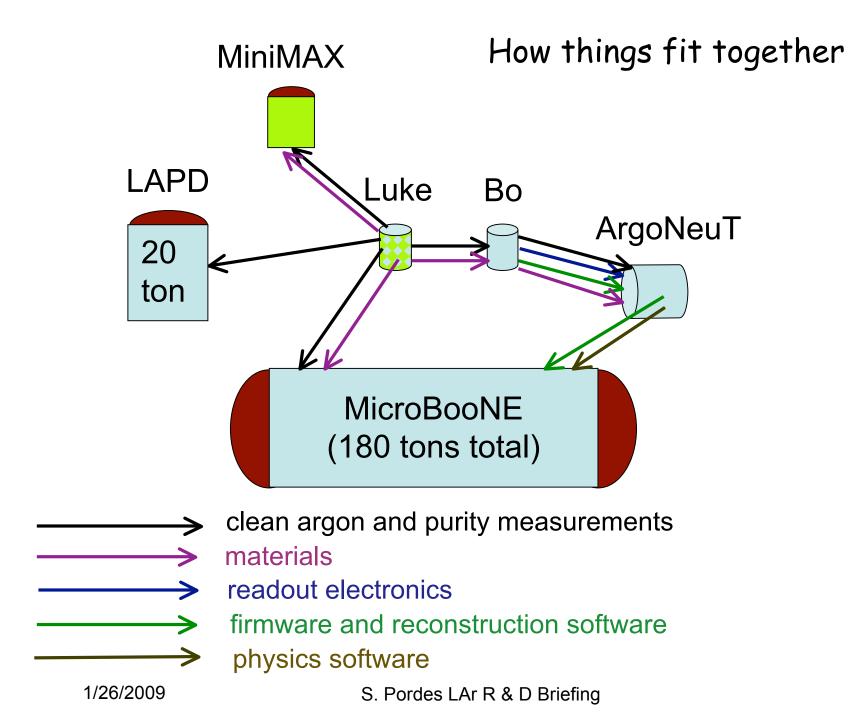


Proposed Liquid Argon Context





5,000 tons



#### What not circled

#### ArgoNeuT (Fermilab, MSU, Yale) is installing in the MINOS tunnel

- it has Fermilab Scientific involvement and is aimed at collecting a large number (~20,000) of neutrino interactions;
- -tests purification and electronics, development of pattern recognition, track reconstruction, event identification, physics analysis

MicroBooNE has stage 1 approval and a growing collaboration (BNL, Columbia, LANL, Fermilab, MIT, MSU, St. M.C, UTA, Yale). Resources to be negotiated.

LAr5 is now (imho) the crucial project for the long-term neutrino future - in particular for issues not treated by MicroBooNE such as the TPC and Cryostat